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Selfish Groups Hurt Any Community!

There seems to be an outgrowth of this war, not confined to this area alone, of selfishness, which does more to hurt the nation's peace-time recovery than any other one particular thing. This selfishiness, if that is the proper name for this condition, works something like this:

A group of this community, civic-minded, and with no other thought than to improve the community, makes an effort to "sell the idea" of a civic center building. Opposition readily comes forward with a remark: "What are you guys getting out of this?"

Another group, feeling that they would like to have a Rotary club, made plans. Reaidly opposition accused the group of trying to destroy all other organizations. Rotary never does such things, and the men who formed Rotary here never had such intentions. They always wanted to be classed as developers and builders of the community.

The Azalea Festival Association, with no other intentions than to make this area one of national fame, has worked diligently, without even praise, to make the 1947 Festival one of the finest such affairs of the west. On every side accusations are directed at members of the association, which do anything but promote harmony. Twice, since the first of the year, such accusations nearly broke up the association, thus depriving the community any good which might have been derived from the festival.

Idle talk? Not exactly! But continuance of this practice will ruin, not only this community, but all communities. Its practice must stop—NOW!

VFW Building Is Ready To Move

This coming week-end, May 11, the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post hopes to bring over from Camp White, near Medford, the last of the building which the post purchased, and to clean the site where the building stood, as required in the purchase agree-

Several men have already given in their names as being ready to go and, according to Post Commander Henry Horst, the more the merrier. Anyone not already registered with Horst for this job should see him as soon as possible so details of transportation, etc., may be cared for.

According to Arthur Bollinger, and George Nelsen, who have put in most of the time in getting the building razed, another truck-trailer load of material remains to be brought across the mountains, making a total of four huge loads from the 25x125 foot mess hall the post purchased for a bid of $230. Members of the post estimate that less than 3% of the material was lost, most of which was gypsum board, a difficult job to remove from the studding without breaking the edges.

Workers even salvaged the composition shingles, and nails that held them down. About 60 rafter trusses, all of the 2x6 lumber, were salvaged as complete units, and will be put back up as such in the new structure in Brookings. All of the lumber in the building was No. 1 clear fir, or pine, of planed lumber.

Horst told the Pilot that since the veterans have demonstrated the feasibility of their project, much interest is being expressed by others in the county regarding possible purchase of more of the camp's buildings.

A church group has indicated an interest in acquiring a building somewhat smaller than that picked by the VFW, and several ranchers are contemplating going over when the next lot of buildings is advertised for bids with idea of getting structures to use as barns, sheds, garages, or houses.

Henry Horst emphasizes that there is no trick to it. Interested parties, he says, should watch the newspapers, and when notices appear advising another of building groups for sale, all that is required is to follow the simple instructions contained in the advertisement. Many types of buildings, adaptable to many uses, are listed in each group as it comes up for disposal.

According to Bollinger, the ideal way is for two or three parties to bid on such buildings as they can profitably use, and then go in together on the salvage job. He says an estimate of the time needed to take down a building similar to the one the veterans bought can be had from an identical one dissembled and hauled off by three men in three week's time. The more time taken, the more good materials may be salvaged.

Erection of the building for the post, according to Horst, will be much simplified because all of the materials salvaged are already cut to fit, thereby eliminating such time-consuming labor as sawing rafters, studding, making doors and window frames, and such. As soon as all the material is on the local site, it will be sorted out and construction will proceed with no loss of time. Horst is gratified by the number of both veterans and non-veterans, and their ladies, who have already come forward with offers of work or materials to the end that another attractive building will soon appear on the Brookings landscape.

Local News Items

Vernon Hanscam drove to Grants Pass, Sunday, returning the same day, accom... Mrs. Hanscam and their ... Hanscam has been visi... parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. ... for the past two weeks. ... attended the wedding ... Betty Johnson at Me... April 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Everet... are now making their ... Arcata where Mr. Moore ... ing in the woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry ... left the latter part of ... for San Francisco and ... tral California points.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. ... left last week for Portla... combined business and ... trip.

Andrew and Alf Jacks... overnight visitors at the ... home on Jacks creek d... past week. They returned ... ick where they work in ... ber, the next morning. ... were afraid the fire in th... near where they work ... spread and that they m... their tools.

Mr. and Mrs. Leich of ... Springs, Ark., and Mrs. ... Fast of Hastings, Nebra... house guests at the home ... Ruth Bathiany. Mrs. L... Mrs. Bathian's cousin a... Fast, her aunt.

The V. F. W. Auxiliary ... club now has it silk cra... on display at Storset's C... shop window. This will be ... away at the Azalea Fes...

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